

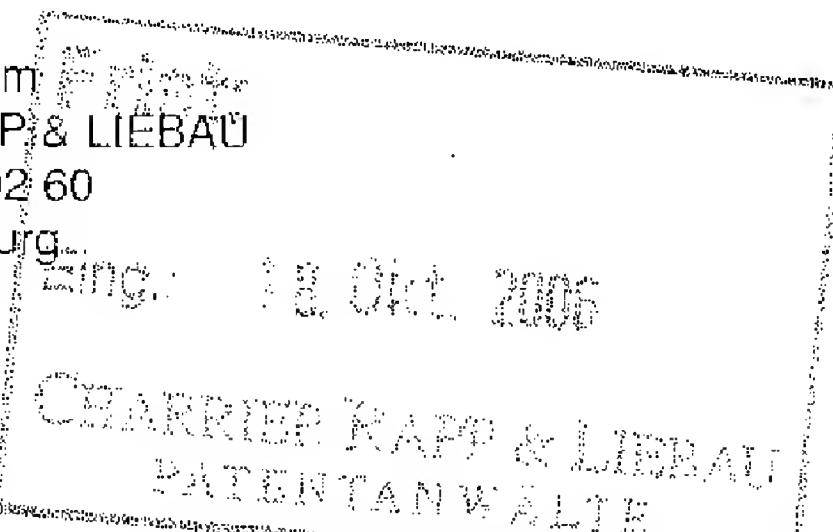
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Applicant's or agent's file reference 5821schri	
International application No. PCT/EP2005/000437	International filing date (day/month/year) 18 January 2005 (18.01.2005)
Applicant SATA FARBSPRITZTECHNIK GMBH & CO.KG# et al	

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(PCT Rule 44*bis*)

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International application No. PCT/EP2005/000437	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 18 January 2005 (18.01.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 22 January 2004 (22.01.2004)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant SATA FARBSPRITZTECHNIK GMBH & CO.KG#		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 7 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1b(a)(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language

_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>4, 5, 8, 9</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-3, 6, 7, 10-12</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1.0- Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 2003/213857 A1 (SCHMON EWALD ET AL) 20
November 2003 (2003-11-20)

D2: WO 02/085533 A (3M INNOVATIVE PROPERTIES
COMPANY; JOSEPH, STEPHEN, C.P.; ADAMS, MIKE) 31
October 2002 (2002-10-31)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.0- Document D1 is considered to be the prior art
closest to the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses
(the references between parentheses relate to said
document):

a gravity cup for a paint spraying gun comprising a
cup-shaped container (figure: 1; 5), a cover (figure: 1;
9) and a connecting part (figure: 1; 10) for directly
fastening the gravity cup to the paint spraying gun,
characterized in that the connecting part (figure: 1;
10) comprises a connecting stub (figure: 1; 13; claim:
19) < formed directly on the cover (figure: 1; 9) > with
a screw-wedge element (figure: 1; 14) for quick
connection (figure: 1; 15, 16) of the gravity cup
directly to the paint spraying gun.

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2.1- The subject matter of claim 1 therefore differs from the known D1 in that:

the cover is a part which is separate from the container and can be placed onto the container.

The problem addressed by the present invention can therefore be considered that of:

closing the container on its upper side by a cover which is intended to prevent undesired escape of the paint.

The solution proposed in claim 1 of the present application cannot be regarded as inventive (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:

Document D2 discloses: a gravity cup (figures: 20-21, 28-30) for a paint spraying gun comprising a container (figure: 20; 209''), a cover (figure: 20; 210''); page: 26; line: 20-32) which can be placed onto and/or removed from the container and a connecting part (figure: 20; 215, 216) for fastening the gravity cup on the paint spraying gun.

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-12

3.0- Dependent claims 2-3, 6-7, 10-12 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for an inventive step, see document D2 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.

3.1- The combination of features contained in dependent claims 4, 5, 7, 9 is neither known from the available prior art nor suggested by it.

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4 INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

Claims 1-12 have an application as a gravity cup.

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
WO2004/037433	06.05.2004	24.10.2003	24.10.2002
			12.03.2003
			14.05.2003

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)
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